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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 BELGRADE 881

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SUBJECT: NEUTRALS/NON-ALIGNED CSCE MEETING

REF: A) BELGRADE 657; B) BUCHAREST 748; C) VIENNA 1073

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1. SUMMARY: SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS EMBOFF HAD WITH FINNA, SWEDE, SWISS, AND YUGOSLAVS ELICITED SIMILAR APPRECIATIONS OF RESULTS OF BELGRADE NEUTRALS/NON-ALIGNED (N/N) MEETING AS THAT OBTAINED FROM AUSTRIAN CHARGE (REF A). HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME DIFFERENCES IN EMPHASIS. THERE WAS ALSO BRIEF MENTION OF INCREASED TEMPO IN US CSCE ACTIVITY.

END SUMMARY.

2. MEDITERRANEAN: ALL AGREED MEETING WAS FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE WITH NO PROPOSALS FORCED FOR RESOLUTION AND NO DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS REACHED. ONLY SURPRISE, ACCORDING TO SWEDISH FIRST SECY (SVENSSON), WAS INTENSITY OF MALTESE STRESS FOR CONNECTION WITH MEDITERRANEAN SECURITY. ACIMOVIC, OF YUGOSLAV INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND ECONOMICS WHO AGAIN INVOLVED IN CSCE, TOLD POLCOUNS THAT MALTESE WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH IN BELGRADE BUT THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THEIR EFFORT TO GET TOO FAR. N/N'S AGREED THAT EIGHT (VICE SIX IN GENEVA) NON-CSCE MED NATIONS (SAVE ALBANIA) MIGHT WELL BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS.

3. CBM'S: ACORDING TO OTHERS, YUGOSLAVS WERE PROMINENT IN DISCUSSING GENERAL SECURITY THEME, AND YUGOSLAV CSCE COUNSELOR PLESE SAID GOY BELIEVES FINAL ACT'S SECURITY ASPECTS HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED. A SPECIAL MILITARY SUBCOMMITTEE MET DURING N/N MEETING TO DISCUSS CBM'S. PLESE SAID CERTAIN IDEAS WERE RAISED AND THIS GROUP MAY MEET AGAIN BEFORE BELGRADE.

4. N/N FOLLOW-UP: SVENSSON THOUGHT THAT YUGOSLAVS MAY TRY TO USE WHATEVER EMANATES FROM MILITARY GROUP'S DISCUSSIONS TO CALL A LARGER MEETING AGAIN IN SPRING. HE ALSO SAID YUGOSLAVS SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP N/N MEETING IN MAY, BUT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. FINNISH COUNSELOR (SAARIKOSKI) SAID FINNS ARE UNDER IMPRESSION THERE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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"PERHAPS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO SEEK" FOLLOW-UP N/N MEETING IN JUNE JUST PRIOR TO BELGRADE. SWISS COUNSEL (FRANEL) SUGGESTED SUCH A MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD AFTER NATO AND WARSAW PACT SPRING MEETINGS. SAARIKOSKI THOUGHT PERM REPS OF N/N'S MAY MEET FROM TIME TO TIME IN GENEVA IF NEED AROSE.

5. NO N/N BLOC: ALL AGREED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A THIRD BLOC WAS NOT THE MOTIVE FORCE BEHIND THEIR GATHERING. FRANEL STATED THAT CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORTING AN N/N WISH TO MEDIATE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, MOST OF NINE FELT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO SPAN SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCS BUT HAVE NO DESIRE TO PLAY A DETERMINING ROLE. HE ADDED THAT N/N'S HAD COOPERATED WELL IN GENEVA AND EHLSINKI AND HE EXPECTED THIS WILL CONTINUE DURINRZBELGRADE.

6. BELGRADE 77 ATMOSPHERE: SWISS WERE IMPRESSED BY PESIC'S STATEMENT THAT BELGRADE SHOULD BE "NEITHER A

TRIBUNAL NOR AN ABSTRACT FORUM" BUT RATHER "A DEEP
DIALOGUE WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH." FRANEL SAID
NONE OF THE NINE WISHES BELGRADE TO BECOME A CONFRONTATION

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BETWEEN BLOCS.

7. ROMANIA; SWEDE, SWISS, AND YUGOSLAVS CONFIRMED
THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY ROMANIANS IN BID TO
PARTICIPATE (REF B). NEUTRALS FELT THAT PARTICIPATION
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PRECEDENT WAS ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA AND THAT INCLUSION OF ROMANIA WOULD HAVE CHANGED CHARACTER OF MEETING. THEY ALSO SAID YUGOSLAVS WHO RAISED ROMANIA'S REQUEST WERE NOT SYMPATHETIC TO IT. ACIMOVIC MENTIONED THAT ROMANIANS HAD MADE SIMILAR UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT DURING GENEVA STAGE, DID NOT REALLY EXPECT TO BE INVITED TO BELGRADE N/N MEETING BUT WERE JUST MAKING KNOWN THEIR CONTINUING INTEREST.

8. DELAY OF STARTING DATE: SAARIKOSKI ASKED EMBOFF ABOUT REPORT OF RECENT STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO AUSTRIAN FONMIN PAHR ON POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING BELGRADE STARTING DATE. EMBOFF, NOT HAVING HEARD OF STATEMENT, RESPONDED IN 'GUT' FASHION THAT IT SOUNDED LIKE A BAD IDEA AND EVEN DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF DELAY COULD LEGITIMIZE THE OPTION. SAARIKOSKI SAID GOF WOULD OPPOSE ANY DELAY.

9. FOLLOW-UP TO BELGRADE: PLESE SAID THAT QUESTION OF FOLLOW-UP TO BELGRADE IS VERY IMPORTANT SINCE IF SUITABLE MEETINGS ARE NOT SCHEDULED "THERE WILL NO NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION". FRANEL THOUGHT THAT NEXT STAGE MIGHT BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN BELGRADE. ACIMOVIC BELIEVES MALTA WOULD LIKE TO BE POST-BELGRADE HOST, BUT HE DOES NOT FAVOR THIS AS MALTA'S FOCUS "TOO NARROW AND EXTREME".

10. US ACTIVITY: ACCORDING TO PLESE, PESIC TOLD MEETING THAT VISIT AND REPORT OF US CSCE COMMISSION HAD BEEN VERY USEFUL. FRANEL MENTIONED GENERALLY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT US CSCE PROGRAM SEEMS TO HAVE GENERATED MORE ACTIVITY LATELY.

11. YUGOSLAV ACTIVITY: PLESE SAID YUGOSLAVS ARE CONTINUING THEIR SERIES OF BILATERALS, AND WE NOTE THAT SPANISH DELEGATION ARRIVED FEBRUARY 10 FOR TALKS AND THAT PESIC WAS IN PARIS EARLIER THIS WEEK.

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